

ABOUT OUR OFFICE

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Opportunities ensures that Hampton creates better outcomes for people ages 14-24. We strive to provide meaningful alternatives to violence, drugs, and gang participation while addressing unresolved trauma and providing support to returning citizens.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

- The Grant process is open to non-profit organizations with a designated tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, registered neighborhood serving or community based organizations. Projects and organizations must be nonsectarian in nature.
- A maximum of \$10,000 in Grant funds may be awarded to an organization per grant cycle for Prevention, Intervention and Re-Entry Grants. The maximum amount awarded for Awareness Grants is \$2,000 per cycle.
- Organizations may have only one active Plant Change Grant project underway at any time.
- Grants awards are limited to one award per cycle.



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PLANT CHANGE

City of Hampton Youth Opportunities Mini Grants



*Providing seeds of hope for
communities to Heal,
Rebuild, and Thrive!*



OVERVIEW

The Youth Opportunities Mini-Grant program, formally known as the Youth Violence Prevention Mini-Grants, was established in 2012. The grants are purposed to fund grassroots, community-based organizations; and neighborhood groups aiming to create positive activities, services, and programs in the areas of Awareness, Prevention, Intervention, and Re-entry for Hampton Youth and Young Adults ages 14-24.

AREA

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AWARENESS

Awareness programs are generally events, seminars, summits, symposiums, or short courses - designed to create awareness of the impacts of youth and young adult violence, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences to influence positive change.



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PREVENTION

Prevention programs are sustainably structured interactions designed to engage youth and young adults in elevated risk populations in recurring instructional, experiential, social, or transformative activities to build supportive relationships and social skills outside of school hours.

Interaction should be of sufficient intensity and duration to bring about measurable changes in skills, attitudes, or behaviors of participants who often reside in high-risk areas or include risk factors for youth violence.



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REENTRY

Reentry programs address one or more known challenges to successful reentry: housing, transportation, employment, family reunification, mental health support, literacy, substance abuse, and trauma. Successful reentry programs often involve participant engagement for multiple hours per week for several months in small groups or individual case management and help individuals build skills and strategies to overcome barriers stemming from stigmatized history and personal challenges.

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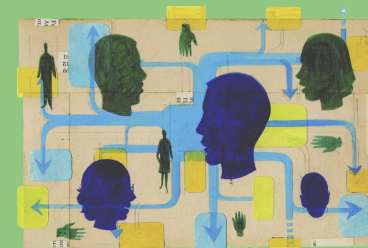
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INTERVENTION

Intervention programs involve diverted youth and young adult participants in social-emotional skill-building courses addressing self-awareness & efficacy, empathy, conflict resolution, and esteem to help understand implied risks of current violent behavior and develop strategies to make positive life changes.

Formats and activities vary from artistic expression to leadership development and include but are not limited to a therapeutic approach.

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Application Periods

April to May

September to October

Funding decisions are based on available funding in the current fiscal year (between July 1 and June 30).